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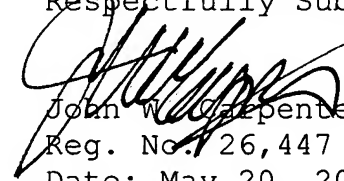
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RESPONSE TO April 22, 2003 OFFICE ACTION
(Amendment A)

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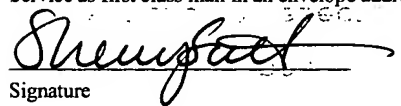
As a response to the April 22, 2003 Office Action requesting an election of Claims from a restriction requirement, Applicants select without prejudice the embodiments of the invention claimed in Claims 16-36 and 43-49; i.e., a process for loading an oligosaccharide into erythrocytic cells.

Respectfully Submitted


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